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**Project Purpose:**

This project will provide an improved primary east-west route from near the City of Wasco in Kern County. Motorist will benefit from safety improvement, local residence will experience traffic congestion relief, and the movement of services and good will greatly improve through highway capacity, and continuity improvements.

**Project Description:**

This project will widen State Route 46 from a two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway with an 18.6' median east of Kecks Road to Interstate 5. The project length is 26.2 miles. Other improvements included in this segment will be the construction of two new bridges and the widening of three existing bridges. Design provisions in this project accommodate larger trucks that meet the Surface Transportation Act (STAA) standards.

This is one of several projects programmed for State Route 46 in Kern County. Once all projects are completed, State Route 46 will be a four-lane Expressway except through the cities on the corridor where it will be a two-lane Expressway.

**Timeliness/Schedules:**

Construction is scheduled to begin: Summer 2007  
Anticipated Construction Completion: Winter 2010

**Construction Cost:**

\$177.3 million (\$24.3 million in TCRP)

**Funding Sources:**

Regional Improvement Program (RIP)  
Interregional Improvement Program (IIP)  
Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP)

**Agency Responsibilities:**

Caltrans: Design, Planning, Right of Way acquisition, Construction Management.

**Project Map on Reverse**

# State Route 46

Kecks Road 4-lane

